



Ask Your United States Research Question 4 January 2017

Question 1:

Samuel D McNealy / 2QBY-TC8 Married Mary Polly Dickey / KPHR-H6F / 26 Oct 1830 (See: Indiana, Compiled Marriages, 1802-1850. Does not show up in search on FamilySearch, but does in Ancestry.com) Married Phebe Melton / KPHR-HKF / 26 Jun 1850 (See: Samuel Mcneeley, "Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992") apparently had a son, Samuel D Jr / MBBN-7KT / Born about 1826. FamilySearch Family Tree has his mother as Mary Polly, but this cannot be correct since they were not married and she would have been about 9 years old when he was born. Who is the mother of Samuel Jr.?

1. 1840 United States Federal Census
2. 1850 United States Federal Census
3. Trace Samuel D. Junior through census records, marriages, death records, etc that may have parents on it.
4. Previous marriage for Samuel D Sr. Kentucky marriages will be at a county level or see if there are compiled marriage records for the whole state.
5. Sheila C: Possibly look for land records for Samuel Sr. to see if a first wife appeared on deeds.
6. Jan Murphy: Any siblings for Samuel D. Jr? look at the entire family as a group.
7. EB: tax records to verify ages of men
8. EB: not unusual to have child before marriage recorded on the frontier
9. DavidK: I have researched and found records for his (half) siblings. They document mother as Mary Polly Dickey.
10. Jan Murphy: Birthplaces of children can be a clue to migration paths.
11. See if Mary Polly left any type of probate records. This not common for this time but it wouldn't hurt to check.
12. Samuel's first wife probably died in the same county that he married Mary Polly.
13. Warrick County, Indiana family histories, church records, try a genealogical society or public library to get information from this county.
14. Polly is just a nickname or is Polly a previous surname?
15. Probate records for Samuel Sr.
16. Previous marriages in Kentucky or Indiana
17. Land records sometimes the first purchase may indicate where they lived previously.

Question 2:

Looking for more information about Hattie E. Cormier, born 08 Dec 1864 in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, the daughter of Louis Cormier and wife Chloe. I have an 1865 State Census with a Spencer family with a Louis, Chloe, a four-year-old Hattie, and a William L. who is 11. I am trying to follow this family to distinguish them from a same-name family in Adams (Berkshire County). I haven't found anything else for Hattie so far. No marriage or death for Hattie. In Adams 1855 State Census, 1860 Census, 1870 Census. Chloe dies in 1888 no death date for Louis yet.

1. Land records
2. Massachusetts vital records begin in 1841
3. Church records
4. Look for a nickname of Charlotte or Harriet?
5. She could have died without a death record in this early time period
6. Track the brother William, what happens to him and does Hattie show up anywhere in his records?
7. LeRoy: Trace both deaths of the parents and see probate.
8. Probate for the father Lewis and Chloe to see who is listed in them.
9. Maybe name change for Chloe, maybe she went to the name of Hattie.
10. Sheila C: If the mother was born in North Adams, could be the same family back in Adams in 1870.
11. Sheila C: Any land or tax records which might show the movement of the family.
12. Debbiespringer: Just found a family tree in searching for William. Hattie's birth is 1864 and death 30 May 1868 Clarksburg, Berkshire, Massachusetts
<http://person.ancestry.com/tree/9405326/person/24113765504/facts>

D Ann Cox: Jenyev Odette was born Jan 1849 in Canada East. married Thomas Clayton Homiller on 13 Oct 1873 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. I have evidence of property she inherited from Michigan. I'm thinking her parents might have come from Canada to Michigan. Can't find evidence of her Parents. Who are her Parents? I think I found her in 1870 in Waukesha, Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is listed as Jurgen Odette and a school teacher. They always have trouble with the spelling of her name. She is the right age for her birthday. I find her in 1880 in Georgetown, Clear Creek, Colorado and she is married with children. One of them, my Grandfather.

1. Is there a death certificate for her in Washington, D.C. that may name her parents?
2. Possible Washington, D.C. 18 May 1906 in the Family Tree. Search death records on FamilySearch.
3. Search for an obituary for Jenyeve as well to see if it lists parents.
4. Drouin Collection available at Ancestry.com
5. Land in Michigan, search for taxes, and purchase of lands.
6. Probate records for Michigan

7. 1900 census she is living in Washington, D.C. living with Clayton so this could be the correct one. Born in Canada English so Ontario, father from France mother from English Canada, immigrated in 1855, born January of 1849, married 26 years, 5 children, 3 living, Clayton was a clerk at a post office.
8. Look at probate records on Ancestry.com and then FamilySearch
9. findagrave has an obituary for Thomas Clayton but doesn't list her. He died in 1939. She died in 1906.
10. 1851 census for Canada if they don't come across until 1855. Those are online at FamilySearch and at Ancestry.com
11. Sheila C: Any Odette's in the 1860 census?
12. Catholic Church records in Washington, D.C.
13. FamilySearch Wiki should list Catholic records in Washington, D.C.
14. EB: Probate in Washington, D.C. 20 September 1904, property in Georgetown neighborhood.
15. 1860 census Burtchville, St. Clair, Michigan with possible parents, listed as Jane ODett, 11 years of age with parents Lewi and Julia.